

Flight surgeon's office moves

The 48th Aerospace Medicine Squadron command section and flight surgeon's office move to the main hospital Monday through March 14. Only active-duty members on flying status can attend sick call. The new flight surgeon's office number is Ext. 2085 or 3189. Family members can call RAF Mildenhall flight medicine for appointments at 89-2143.

Housing office closed

The housing office will be closed March 14, 17 and 18 for refurbishing. Emergency temporary living allowance services are provided in Bldg. 966. For details, call Ext. 2749.

New gas program in full swing

People who want to obtain tax-free gas or buy or use Navy prepaid gas purchase coupons must present both military identification cards and a valid certificate of eligibility. The information on the pink vehicle registration card, the certificate of eligibility and the identification card must match up. For details, contact unit orderly rooms.

492 change of command slated

The 492nd Fighter Squadron change-of-command ceremony is 10 a.m. March 17 in Hangar 7. Lt. Col. George Doran will relinquish command to Lt. Col. William Polowitzer. For details, call Ext. 3420.

USAFE Band entertains children

The USAFE Band will send kids here an antidrug message when they perform at the RAF Lakenheath Middle School March 12 and the RAF Feltwell Elementary School March 13. The band will also perform at the enlisted spouses club bazaar at 3:30 p.m. March 14.

Preparing for surety inspection

The 48th Fighter Wing is scheduled for a surety inspection Oct. 19 - 29. Between June 16 and 20, the USAFE staff will help the wing by conducting a staff assistance visit. The following is a list of other exercises to evaluate the wing's readiness.

March 12	One-day exercise
March 20	One-day exercise
March 21	One-day exercise
March 27	One-day exercise
April 7 and 8	Special management review
April 18-21	Functional management review
April 28 - May 2	Operational safety review
May 12 - 16	Local surety inspection

The special management review is a visit from the Air Force Inspection Agency to see how the wing works within USAFE. The functional management review is also a visit from a AFIA team to look at personnel issues. The operational safety review is a required inspection ever three years. The local surety inspection is the wing's last chance to polish procedures before the staff assistance visit.

"No evaluation can happen without a team of evaluators," said Maj. Gary Webb, wing readiness chief. "Commanders have chosen the A-team members because of their competence, experience and integrity."

"There is no doubt Team Lakenheath can do this mission better than anyone in the world," he said. "We just have to show the evaluators what we know to be true."

More captains will become majors in 1997

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - For the first time since the Air Force drawdown began, the promotion opportunity for field-grade-line officers will rise, announced Air Force personnel officials.

For the June 17 majors' board, the secretary of the Air Force has approved a 90 percent promotion opportunity - up from the 80 percent opportunity for major that has existed since 1991.

This change is actually a return to what was the norm prior to the drawdown. With the exception of a brief period from 1974 to 1978, the promotion opportunity to major was 90 percent since the 1960s.

In 1991, force structure reductions lessened the need for majors dropping promotion opportunity to 80 percent.

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by SSgt. Valerie Weaver

SrA. James Grover

492nd Fighter Squadron

Hometown: Newman, Ill.

Role in mission: I am an F-15 avionics systems journeyman. I maintain and repair aircraft radar, communication, navigation, and flight control systems.

Hobbies: I enjoy all sports, water skiing and spending time with friends.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? I would procure more land to expand the base; tear down old buildings and build parking lots. Don't build any more facilities on this base without expanding, it is simply too crowded. Last but not least, change the new one-way street back into a two-way street.

Who is your role model and why? I see everyone as role models. I try to analyze people's strengths and adopt qualities I feel will make me a better person, but if I had to pick one individual, it would be my mother.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I've always dreamed of owning my own business. I plan to continue investing, and in 10 years I will begin planning for retirement as an entrepreneur.

What do you like most about the Air Force? I enjoy meeting new people, travel and educational opportunities and the secure feeling of knowing that an enormous paycheck is in the bank on the 1st and 15th.



Photo by A1C Grace Hunt

Freedom walk

Wing members participate in a freedom walk Feb. 28. The walk went from the chapel to Wings of Liberty Memorial Park and wrapped up with SrA. Devon Forman from RAF Alconbury presenting Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.